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My dear Friend

I received thy letter this morning - it is not yet 11 o'clock - so it is plain that I am not losing much time in replying. I will give a copy of the account I send before I conclude.

First of all let me say that I can truly sympathize with ~~your~~ ~~affliction~~ - for I have suffered in a similar way. About four years ago my ~~affliction~~ ~~was~~ ~~afflicted~~ ~~with~~ ~~melancholy~~ ~~for~~ ~~some~~ ~~months~~. I would have been greatly relieved if I had known then what I learned afterwards from ~~your~~ ~~affliction~~ ~~that~~ ~~such~~ ~~attacks~~ ~~are~~ ~~almost~~ ~~invariably~~ ~~end~~ ~~in~~ ~~recovery~~ ~~but~~ ~~the~~ ~~recovery~~ ~~being~~ ~~contingent~~ ~~upon~~ ~~the~~ ~~happy~~ ~~termination~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~affliction~~ ~~itself~~. I do not know whether an attack previous to ~~the~~ ~~affliction~~ ~~is~~ ~~a~~ ~~happy~~ ~~termination~~ - but it would be worth while browsing ~~and~~ ~~if~~ ~~such~~ ~~encouragement~~ ~~can~~ ~~be~~ ~~derived~~ ~~from~~ ~~it~~ ~~soon~~ ~~as~~ ~~possible~~. I well know how the mind grasps at and rests upon any such ground of support in such times of affliction. He has my most hearty sympathy & I shall be rejoiced to hear of this burden being removed.

I had a letter from H. C. Wright today - it came to hand along with ~~the~~ ~~book~~ ~~of~~ ~~his~~ ~~prospects~~ ~~in~~ ~~Scotland~~ ~~since~~ ~~the~~ ~~publication~~ ~~his~~ ~~"Six~~ ~~Months~~ ~~in~~ ~~Prague~~ ~~and~~ ~~Frankfurt~~ ~~"~~. This book is a carrier far and of sympathy, non-resistance and unto sabbaths, unto church & unto humanity - and therefore abundant, well fitted suited to the atmosphere of Scotland as a denunciation of popery would be for that of Rome. He has been denouncing the Free Church at a fair rate for their union with slaveholding & for accepting their money. He has met with many adherents, but has been greatly thrown back since his book appeared. Knowing the enormous bigotry of the Scotch, I think he must have kept himself very much on all disputed points in the 5 months ~~before~~ ~~he~~ ~~has~~ ~~been~~ ~~there~~ ~~but~~ ~~his~~ ~~book~~ ~~betrayed~~ ~~him~~. Now he can hope to prosper with them I don't know. They idolize their priests. Others sabbaths, quite as much as the Jews did theirs. He went to no place of worship which here and although he kept himself very quiet he was ~~abhorred~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~outsiders~~ ~~of~~ ~~our~~ ~~very~~ ~~small~~ ~~circle~~. Which bigotry ^{superstition} prevails as they do what can we hope for the world. Now poor Ireland is steeped & saturated with both to the very core. The rich are the victims of ignorance, priestcraft and religious fanaticism.

Henry says The Free Kirk folks in Scotland & in Belfast have come out most bitterly against "Six months" and are doing what they can to disorient attention from their own position as to Slavery by attacking what I say in that book about the Sabbath, the ministry, and other matters. The Witness of May 21 has an attack on Garrison from one of the deputations of the Free Church to America (the Rev. Wm. Chalmers) and identifies me with him (what more could he desire?) and their refusal to accept my reply. I have had no discussion in Scotland on these subjects & don't know that I shall. [I am pretty certain he will not, for he would get nobody with courage to stand beside him in such a contest - with Lord Mahomed in the Piazza in Rome - the Queen in London on the Sabbath, the Church and John Knox in Glasgow and Edinburgh! Jos. Bradburn told me the bigotry in Scotland was so thick you might cut it with a knife] He continues, however, "I am urged by some to prepare a tract or pamphlet on each of these points, for the Church & Ministry, and they promise to print & circulate them if I do. Certainly it is that one of the most formidable obstacles to the progress of every good cause here is the prevalent error of the Sabbath, Church, & Ministry. The interests of humanity are postponed to the sacredness of time - Man is a secondary to a dog. The Religion of Scotland conceals, turns off - but never answers to God. This is a religion of days & temples. The feeling is very bitter against me among some of the Free Kirk folks in Edinburgh & its vicinity. My conviction of the necessity saying what I have said on these subjects is deepening every day. Scotch religion is far nearer in its resemblance to the spirit & spirit of Judaism than to Christianity. So whatever is the consequence to me I shall probably have to say so publicly in some way & if I do such is the state of feeling among the religious, it will be looked on as a choice bit." So much for H.C.W. I agree with his opinion on these points, entirely. I continually grow in my convictions of the worthlessness of forms & ceremonies of all sorts, but forward as religion. But I think he will find it a hard job to convince them of the weakness here or any where else of these things.

Along with the letter came one for H.C.W. from James Buffum of Lynn. I have a few permissions to read all H's letters before sending them on, & therefore I read this one. Buffum speaks badly of an illiterate man & don't wish any body but Henry to see his letter. But the cause of my ~~remarking~~ mentioning him is that he announced to Henry that in August he intended accompanying Douglass to this side of the ocean on his Anti-Slavery Tour through the British Islands. The few who feel with you in this country give reason to welcome Douglass. I hope he may be able to promote his views. I would be glad he could come at once to me. But I don't think it would serve his object or himself to have ~~any~~ Buffum with him. He would not take so well - he would not be so readily inverted from place to place. He would throw mud here & there. I would recommend you to advise J.D. to discourage Buffum unless you have good reasons for the contrary & that you know more of his suitableness than I can gather from his letter. Buffum asks for introductions. When J.D. lands in Liverpool let him go directly to Brown's Temperance Hotel, Clayton Square. Let him mention my name to Brown who will give him any direction or assistance he will require for getting out his baggage. Mr. Water Street is the office of the Dublin Steam Co. He can come over in nearly

the Company vessels from the Liverpool Warren Dock any day in the
week for exp. or from the St George's Pier Head in the mail Packet for £1
He should take the cheap way. In hiring a coach or cab he should consult
Brown but allow himself to be persuaded. He takes his ticket in Water Street.
London or Dublin he takes a car, & drives at one to me, making no bargain
& saying nothing of the fare. He pays $\frac{1}{3}$ & no more. When with me he sits in
at home. In Liverpool he should go and see my Nephew's cousin, Hannah
Salish, 21, Wellington Road at the end of Mill Street. She will know him from
my description & will welcome him. I will tell him how he stands & how
we do the best we can - which is very little, for him.

I went to London on the 10th of last mo. I left it on the 17th to see the Anti-Slavery
Land Bazaar (of which you will find some details in the papers I send) & take
in the hope of seeing Nathaniel Harvey, of Manchester & some other friends.
Nathaniel was not there ~~but~~ until the day or two after I left town. Geo. A.
Thompson I saw for the first time ~~after~~ since he was in India. He looks older
but is little changed. He is studying law with a view I am told of acquiring a status
which cannot be otherwise had in Society as he has no rank & no precise position
merely as George Thompson. He was active about the Bazaar. I seem to be in
great comfort & abundance. He is I believe the salaried agent of the King of Delhi
at I heard the rate of £1200 a year. He had a plan which occurred to him or
something like it of collecting money from all who would give it and purchasing
at the League Bazaar for the Boston Bazaar. He hopes to be able to do some-
thing clever in this way, and as there is such an odd variety of such a rich
perfusion of things it is probable that towards the close of the Bazaar sales
sufficiency will be left at a low price to enable him to ~~do something~~ send
you a large contribution. The Miss Hildreths were with him & I met them
frequently - rather middle aged - but full of life, kind, good natured, & good tempered.
They are quite ladies in their manners & are winning even anti-slavery zeal
there is often much work in this country. I am much gratified by the
opportunity of making their acquaintance. George Thompson is an eloquent
man - he has great talent - great moral courage - but he does strike me as
a man of a great or an elevated mind - he does stir my blood. He does
make my heart jump. I don't feel that confidence in his shed where he
principles - in his high-mindedness - his unflinching that I do in former, or in the self, in
Lenny, in Phillips - or (I am sorry to have to say) as I felt in Rogers. I may overestimate
you - I may underestimate him - but so I feel. I think he would be greatly puzzled in
Boston - between Thomas Wright - and S. J. Federal Street. I hope he won't go. I don't think
he comprehends your position - his religion pulls him the other way. This I say in
strict confidence from a desire that you should see matters as I think I see
them. Recommend Douglass if he bring any quantity of his books to
bring them in sheets - the duty is charged by weight & is very heavy. He can get
them boarded here I should think ^{cheaply} as in Boston - a 12mo with cost £2.1.0
per 100. I mention this to save his purse.

I was that attack of Mildredth from Boston & Norton with great pleasure. If his
"Theory of morals" is as rich with reading I would be glad to get it by Douglas. My
brother James writes for ~~the~~ ^{the} work on the Sabbath, by some Penn. seceder that
then sent me not long since. He is a great Anti-Sabbatarian & Anti Ministry
man. James Haughton & I read with special delight Wendell Phillips on the
Anti Voting Theory. He enters with a pen of light & speaks with a tongue of flame.
What would I not give to live near the Boston College - to be able to wander round St.
Frederick Street! I am glad you approve of my note to Roger - but regret that
Garrison published the letter in which I referred to him. That letter was written in great
freedom and with a special request that it should not be printed. I would write to
Roger to tell him that I had no desire to publish my views in his case only that
he would not choose to give him a real handle against W.L.G. This thing
of publishing without consent is I think very objectionable. It is Garrison's greatest
fault in my eyes. The Bazaar which he prays described in much more
correct & strong colours than I could manage. It was a very grand sight.
Probably £25, or £30,000 worth of rich & valuable, luxuries, & ornamental
goods were contributed. £700 worth of beautiful work was in one gift. An im-
mense quantity of ladies work, baby linen, Berlin work, &c. In fact, there
was no end to the quantity of them. There was too much of such things.
Now often I have longed for a tenth part of what was there for your
Bazaar which in my mind, represents a much greater & nobler cause - I don't
think the League are a patch upon the Abolitionists for lofty & adherence
to the noblest principles. Then think how they have shaken hands with
McDuff & Calhoun, all because these men have a Slaveholder's position
in favour of the free trade which is immediately of use to themselves. James
Haughton wrote to the Council a letter of plain & faithful reproof for their
shameful laxity of principle in identifying themselves with such men as
these ministers. We have had a lovely Spring & early summer of a fine
harvest. The wind has been from the north east for the past month, which
is unusual - but it is now from the west and we have charming weather &
beautiful green fields. My Hannah for the past 3 weeks has been in Watford
attending her father in his confinement - All our children away too - and
here I am alone to take them. M. returns in about a week, then after a few
days away for 2 or 3 months to Ballitore in the Co. of Kildare - 28 miles
from Dublin. She will have the children with her & they will have a fine time
in the woods & fields. They migrate in this way every summer for the re-
gulation of health & happiness. I am ashamed how they are able to get through
so many letters. They would exhaust my little brain. I will write to James of
Bristol to suggest to him that he should not spare G.T.'s plan in favour of
your Bazaar. I will be greatly obliged by early intelligence of ~~the~~ ^{the} health
~~of~~ ^{of} Mini being one of the brightest, kindest & sweetest tempered of
beings. I can feel with him & for him with the sympathy of one who has
suffered as he is now suffering. Observe me by stopping the Process from coming to me.
It is too pretty, flashy, & concerted to please me. It is not as good as it was. Say what I can I feel
how much I am indebted.